

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY, December 6, 2018 7:00 P.M.

The public is welcome to any meeting of the **Smithfield Land Trust**. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation is needed, please contact the Smithfield Town Manager's Office at 401-233-1010 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order 7:00 PM
- II. Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification
- III. Minutes:
 - a. Move that the minutes of the November 1, 2018 meeting be approved.
- IV. Treasurer's report—Budget for 2019 expenses to date dues to RI Land Trust Council \$125, Secretary exp 3 meetings \$500. No report received as of this writing from Town.
- V. By Laws approved and Policies and Procedures approved were submitted to Town Council. Tabled by Council. We have submitted and will await the town Council. If they have comments or want changes then we will address. Update
- VI. Annual Report submitted to Town Council and to members at this meeting.
- VII. Discuss update on signs
 - a. We have the inventory of signs with pictures. The signs are in the Conservation Center Office. Nothing new
- VIII. Update Projects in Process
 - a. Discuss update of Management Plans and annual site visits for the following properties:
 - i. **Blackbird Farm** (Limerock Road- 50 acres conservation easement).
 - ii. **Cavanaugh Property** (Log Road- 12 acres conservation easement).
 - iii. **Clark Road** (105 Clark Rd – 22 acres own from development).
 - iv. **D'Angelo Family Farm** (Old County Road - 15 acres conservation easement). **Annual site visit complete.** Sign has been installed,

thank you Jay. I had an idea about that property. I thought maybe planting sunflowers or native pollinator plants might be a great use of those fields. Discuss ideas and talk to Dave D'Angelo about that?

- v. **Greenville Nature Reserve** (Smith Avenue - 28 acres own from development). **Annual Site Visit Complete** Report of a trash camping site on the property. Need to clean up. Right of way for Smith Ave entrance is with Town Solicitor for review and approval. This is related to person who wants to build house on the lot. Third bridge in the works.
- vi. **Hanton City** (Decotis Farm Road - 96 acres own)
- vii. **Hyde Tree Farm** (Mann School Rd - 65 acres Conservation Easement/DEM)
- viii. **Hoar Farm** (Austin Avenue 16 acres Conservation Easement)
- ix. **Caroline E Judson Trust Property** (Williams Rd -56 acres own/DEM). **Annual Site Visit Complete** Trail incomplete will revisit in Spring. Update
- x. **Latham Brook Preserve** (Burlingame Road (Latham Farm Road Entry) – 123 acres own) We should do a site visit and evaluation to determine when we want to move forward with trails, parking, and finalizing the additional 9 acres from the developer. We have a baseline documentation. We can create a management plan from our discussions and decisions. Trail on this property would be terrific. **One of our members can take the lead** on this project.
- xi. **Matteo Farmland** (Swan Rd – 50 acres own) **Annual site visit complete**. We have been invited by the RI Land Trust Council's Land Trust Excellence Program to participate as the host property. Monitoring workshop took place 4/28. We have been invited by the Land Trust Council's URI program to create a Baseline Documentation Report. Still need a **member to volunteer** to do the management plan.. Update
- xii. **Mowry Homestead/Mowry Farmland Annual Site Visits complete** (Old Forge Rd/Farnum Pike 5 acres/15 acres own) Continue discussion of management plan. Discuss and approve Curatorship update and submit to Town Council for approval. Met with Randy Rossi, Valerie Talmadge of Preserve RI and Brad Allard to discuss. Porch is in process of being worked on with the help of Robert Leach (Smithfield Historic Preservation Commission) might be finished by year end!
- xiii. **Olivia's Forest** (Ridge Rd, 31 acres (donation by Mr. Gallo and from development). **Annual Site visit Complete** . Plant Identification project completed.
- xiv. **Pavao Plat** (Evans Road 6.5 acres own (from development)).

- xv. **Jim Russell Property** (Burlingame Road – 43 acres own). Paths cleared. The Small parking area on Burlingame needs to be leveled and cleared up-- project for spring. Volunteer Roger Watson filled in stewardship form. **Annual site visit complete.**
 - xvi. **Sasso Property** (Mann School Road 21 acres conservation easement). Marc Mahoney and Jeremiah Adler discussed a path from Mann School Rd into the Connors farm area. Discuss with property owner Larry Sasso . Put on list to work on this spring 2019.
 - xvii. **Sleboda Farm** (Whipple Rd -56 acres-conservation easement)
 - xviii. **Captain Elisha Steere Farm**-(Booker) (W. Greenville Road. 8.54 acres conservation easement).
 - xix. **Steere Orchard** (Austin Avenue 20 acres conservation easement) **Annual Site Visit Complete.**
 - xx. **Wolf Hill Forest Preserve** (Pleasant View Avenue 295 acres own)- **Annual Site Visit Complete** Get Large copy of updated Trail Map. Trying to get the map to work with Avenza and we can get a sign to post digital details. Along with info for ExploreRI.org
 - xxi. **Facebook page for Land Trust**-update
- b. Discuss updates on scout projects and other projects on Land Trust properties.
 - i. Resting Bench? Scout Project nothing new
 - c. Discuss updates on Risk Management . **Marc's Spread Sheet details of Properties**
 - d. Discuss updates on Technical Review (Don/Barbara)-
 - e. Discuss upcoming Calendar—suggestions for events for Land Trust?
 - f. Discuss updates on **Conservation Commission** News (Don). **Carlton's Way entry to Mercer Outlook** and Wolf hill is a major problem and continues. Town Manager brought it up with a picture of cars parked around the central circle. It causes a security problem (fire trucks or emergency vehicles cannot pass). I spoke to Srgt Proulx. We discussed alternate parking and we need to join with Conservation to see what we can do to create a parking area further up Mountindale or onto Wolf Hill Rd? by the transfer station. **Seven Walks in Smithfield** RILTC would like to put the maps on Explore RI? Discuss with Don.

IX. Public Comment (5 minutes)

X. Adjournment

Next Meeting **January 3, 2019— Election of officers for 2019.**